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Selectmen's Minutes 03-03-2008

TOWN OF ARLINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Meeting Minutes
 Monday, March 3, 2008
 7:15 p.m.

Present: Ms. LaCourt, Chair; Mrs. Mahon, Vice Chair; Mr. Greeley, Mr. Hurd and Ms. Rowe.
 Also present: Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Maher, and Mrs. Sullivan.

FOR APPROVAL

1. CONSENT AGENDA (one vote required for approval of all items)
 - a. Minutes of Meeting: February 25, 2008
 Ms. Rowe moved approval. SO VOTED (4-0-1)
 Mr. Greeley abstained.
 - b. Request: Soap Box Derby
 Ms. Rowe moved approval. SO VOTED (5-0)

2. WARRANT ARTICLE HEARINGS

Article 24 Bylaw Amendment/Noise Abatement
 (tabled from 2/25/08 meeting)

Mr. Maher will contact Ms. Leary regarding her particular concerns.

Mr. Hurd moved no action and to move to incorporate this article into the current bylaw.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Article 25 Bylaw Amendment/Leaf Blower Regulations
 (tabled from 2/25/08 meeting)

Mr. Ciano spoke on the history of noise laws in Arlington and of Town Meeting's past discussions. He suggested researching and supported treating small equipment/domestic equipment noise issues similar to construction equipment but handle it, as amendments to current bylaws, not create new bylaws. Mr. Ciano requested that the Selectmen make a vote of no action. Selectmen agreed that the Noise Abatement Study Committee, warrant proponents, and Mr. Maher would meet to discuss modifying existing bylaws instead of creating new bylaws within the next two weeks.

Mr. Greeley moved no action. SO VOTED (5-0)

Article 28 Bylaw Amendment/Canine Control

After much discussion by the Selectmen and listening to Susan Doctrow, 99 Westminster Ave., Lesley Maher, Park and Recreation Commission, and Andrew Fischer, 25 Lombard Rd., it was decided more work should be done by the Green Dog Group and that current bylaws could be modified to incorporate some changes.

Mrs. Mahon moved no action. SO VOTED (5-0)

Article 30 Establish a Committee to Honor Margaret Spengler

Mr. Hurd moved to table until the 3/10/08 meeting. SO VOTED (5-0)

Article 31 Home Rule Legislation/Special Legislation for Name Change of Scholarship Fund

Mr. Greeley moved favorable action. SO VOTED (5-0)

Article 41 Appropriation/Increase in Accidental Death Benefits

Mr. Jamieson pointed out and Mr. Maher agreed that he would accept "widow" in place of "estate".

Mrs. Mahon moved to table until the 3/10/08 meeting. SO VOTED (5-0)

Article 42 Home Rule Legislation/Extend Benefits

Mr. Greeley moved favorable action. SO VOTED (5-0)

Article 46 Home Rule Legislation/Borrowing for OPEB

The Treasurer withdrew this article and Mr. Sullivan asked to substitute another article in its place.

Ms. Rowe moved favorable action to substitute an article. SO VOTED (5-0)

Article 47 Home Rule Legislation/Arlington Pension Obligation Bonds

Mr. Greeley moved favorable action. SO VOTED (5-0)

Article 52 Revolving Funds

Mrs. Mahon moved favorable action. SO VOTED (5-0)

Article 56 Establish a Committee for Outdoor Swimming Pool

Ms. Rowe moved favorable action subject to conditions of committee make up and no appropriations. SO VOTED (5-0)

Committee make up should consist of: 1 Fincom member, 1 Board of Health Member, 1 Park and Rec member, 2 citizen members appointed by the Selectmen, Recreation Director, and 1 Commission on Disabilities member. Mrs. Mahon requested the committee include a study on an indoor track at the facility.

Article 65 Home Rule Legislation/Maintenance of Town Water Bodies

Mrs. Mahon moved favorable action. SO VOTED (5-0)

Article 74 Appropriation/Medicare Part D Reimbursement

Mrs. Mahon moved no action. SO VOTED (5-0)

Ms. LaCourt requested that this be discussed at the Summit IV meeting.

Article 75 Contributory Retirement Board Report

Mr. Greco stated that Mr. Bilafer will be reporting at Town Meeting and that the Contributory Retirement Board and office took offense to the article's inclusion that on Town Meeting floor personnel issues such as job selection process and reviews would be discussed. Mr. Jamieson, Fiscal Resources Task Group, apologized to Mr. Greco and the Board but initiated the article in order to get information. Ms. LaCourt asked the Retirement Board and Mr. Greco to attend the Summit IV meeting.

Mrs. Mahon moved no action. SO VOTED (5-0)

Article 76 Service to Non-profits

Mr. Jamieson, Fiscal Resources Task Group, questioned trash pick up fees and both operational and capital cost fees for town property/parks. The Task group would like to move forward with a policy on solid waste pick up and cost fees

for town land. The Selectmen agreed that a policy decision would be good, but would not want to hurt the hundreds of non-profits in town and all the services they provide to the community.

Mr. Hurd moved no action.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Article 77 Appropriation/Special Education Services

Mr. Sullivan pointed out that the reimbursement fees from the state for special education are not included on the chart and that the town cannot tell the schools how to manage the school budget.

Mr. Greeley moved no action.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Ms. LaCourt requested that this be a discussion for the planning of the next 5-year plan.

Ms. Rowe moved to adjourn at 11:10 PM.

SO VOTED (5-0)

A true record: Attest:

Mary Ann Sullivan

Next meeting of BOS (Regular Business) March 10, 2008.